

**RESOLUTION NO. 02-26**

WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is directed by RCW 28B.10 to administer the State Need Grant Program; and

WHEREAS, The Higher Education Coordinating Board is authorized by RCW 28B.80 to adopt rules as necessary to implement the program; and

WHEREAS, Substitute Senate Bill 5166 adopted by the 2002 Legislature expands the definition of "institutions of higher education" to include branches of out-of-state institutions that meet specified criteria and that are members of accrediting associations recognized by rule of the Board; and

WHEREAS, State Need Grant rules do not currently recognize five of the six regional associations that accredit institutions which may potentially be eligible to participate in the State Need Grant program; and

WHEREAS, It is necessary to amend Chapter 250-20 WAC to implement this statutory change; and

WHEREAS, It is the Board's intention that students attending institutions incorporated into the State Need Grant program as a result of this change be eligible for grants for the 2002-2003 academic year;

**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** That the Higher Education Coordinating Board adopt permanent rules recognizing all six regional accrediting associations for the purpose of establishing potential institutional eligibility to participate in the State Need Grant program.

Adopted:

September 25, 2002

Attest:

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Bob Craves, Chair

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Pat Stanford, Secretary